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EDITORIAL

Dr. Regan G. Shea
CSNA R-5248

IT'S NOT TOO LATE...YET

By now everyone has heard: the future of the "Granite Lady," the Old Mint in San Francisco is once again up in the air. With a tiny budget, lacking a clear mission, and seemingly invisible to both San Franciscans and visitors, the grand old dame must have seemed an easy target to the bureaucrats. Just bolt the doors and pat one another on the back for having saved the U.S. a fortune!

But there were a few things these folks did not consider. For one, there are many people out here who care about western history and numismatics, not to mention tourism and education. Also overlooked were some financial realities: no matter how one cooks the books to show the Mint as a money loser, coin collectors purchase so many Mint products that it is one of the only government agencies to turn a profit.

A generation ago, CSNA and its members played a key role in preserving the Old San Francisco Mint. Make a difference again. Send your thoughts to your elected officials.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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As the Winter issue of *Calcoin News* was arriving in your mail box, the numismatic community was rocked by an announcement from the Treasury Department that it had decided to close the Old San Francisco Mint Museum. On the very day that this story made the local papers, I had already scheduled a visit to this familiar site to show its splendors to a friend who had never experienced the Old Mint. While our tour went through as planned, it was only within the constraints of despair, given the prospect of losing such a valuable treasure.

I didn't realize it at the time, but this action by the Treasury Department was to lead to a series of events which would ultimately take up a great many of my after work hours and not a small amount of my vacation time, as well. For the second time in as many years, our association has been confronted with a crisis. Last year at this time, I was engaged in a frenzied letter writing campaign to secure a new staff for our journal. I can only hope that the current crusade to permanently re-establish the Old Mint Museum proves to be as rewarding as that effort was.

As soon as the first newspaper story about the Mint closing appeared, I began faxing copies to *Coin World* and *Numismatic News*. This led to a series of telephone interviews with reporters from both publications. CSNA Director Charles Colver was also asked to comment in print on this action, as he was involved with the initial establishment of the museum twenty years ago and still maintains an exhibit of currency in it. Since *Coin World* was inclined to pursue the story more aggressively than its rival publication, I soon found myself faxing dispatches to it regularly as the story developed. My interest in the matter was more than personal; it must be remembered that our association played a principal role in having the Old Mint reborn as a museum. As one of our most significant legacies to the numismatic community, its preservation was imperative.

Public reaction to the Mint's closing was swift and angry. This was in addition to the dismay of San Francisco Mayor Frank Jordan, Representative Nancy Pelosi and California's U. S. Senators Diane Feinstein and Barbara Boxer. All visited the Old Mint within the first week of its closing, and a 90-day reprieve was soon granted by Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen. At the mayor's urging, a committee was quickly formed under the direction of former city Supervisor Robert Mendelsohn to devise a plan for not only preserving the Old Mint but enhancing it, as well. This committee would become known as M.I.N.T. (Maintain and Improve a National Treasure). Its initial meeting was held on January 14, less than two weeks after the official closing date and a little more than one week after the commencement of the museum's 90-day reprieve. At this first meeting, former San Francisco Mint Superintendent Carol Mayer Marshall, a good friend of our association, pointed out that of the various interests represented on the committee, the numismatic community was nowhere in evidence. The committee concurred with her observation, and I was asked to join in

time for its next meeting on January 28. Donald Kagin, a professional numismatist whose collection of pioneer gold and related memorabilia was long a featured exhibit at the Old Mint, was also present at this and several subsequent meetings.

After determining that none of the various non-profit institutions contacted had a desire to occupy the entire building, an alternative plan began to take shape. Over the next few weeks, it became evident that while some \$20-24 million worth of seismic and other life safety work would be required at the Old Mint, the task was not insurmountable. Furthermore, a vision of what the museum could be with a mixture of talent, initiative and proper funding was formed. Now at its fullest development, this committee includes architects and structural engineers, historians, real estate developers, museum professionals, the assistants to two U. S. senators and two U. S. representatives, members of the local planning commission and landmarks board and, of course, two numismatists.

As this is being written, I've lately returned from a meeting of the committee with Mayor Jordan at which our preliminary plan was presented. It calls for a multi-media, interpretive museum arranged around the theme of gold and its role in developing San Francisco and the West. This is quite an advance from the interesting but rather staid institution which presently exists. All of this will cost money, of course, but enough commercial and non-profit corporations are lining up behind the committee that the realization of its dream should ultimately come to pass. When the appropriate time arrives, you the members of the CSNA and other individuals and businesses within the numismatic community will likely have the opportunity to contribute to this worthy project. The exact means of doing this has yet to be determined, but a "Friends of the Mint" will no doubt be formed as a non-profit public benefit corporation.

In the meantime, I've taken some action on the association's behalf. At our recent convention in San Jose, a resolution drafted by me and addressed to Secretary Bentsen, asking that the Old Mint be kept open and pledging our association's support, was signed by the officers and staff members of the CSNA. This was forwarded to the secretary with an appropriate cover letter. While the reply from Deputy Mint Director Eugene Essner was something less than I'd hoped for, it nevertheless served as an acknowledgment that our organization's views had been read into the record.

I've followed up this action with a draft proposal calling for the striking of commemorative coins, the proceeds of which are to be directed toward the restoration and enhancement of the Old Mint Museum. You may recall from my last message to the membership that I don't care much for the recent actions of Congress regarding commemorative coins, but my objections were with the worthiness and integrity of many such programs, not with the concept of commemorative coins in general. I believe that the subject of this coin proposal will be met with great favor by the numismatic community, as it finally returns some of our money to our own backyard. Should such legislation ultimately appear on the congressional docket, I urge you to write your senators and representatives in support of the bill.

Although this proposal was submitted by me to Senators Feinstein and Boxer without consulting the CSNA Board of Directors, I believed that timeliness was imperative, and I trust that the directors and general membership will agree. In this campaign to save the Old Mint Museum, we are at war with the federal bureaucracy and the almighty forces of apathy; the situation may again demand that I act on impulse. I invite your comments and suggestions. [Copies of some of the letters mentioned above appear elsewhere in this issue. Ed.]



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The Honorable Lloyd Bentsen
Secretary of the Treasury
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January 27, 1994

Dear Secretary Bentsen,

Enclosed is a resolution by the officers, directors and staff of the California State Numismatic Association, signed by us all at our recent convention. It calls for the continued operation of the Old San Francisco Mint Museum and pledges our full support for this facility. Also enclosed is a previous resolution by the CSNA dated 1977 and honoring former Mint Director Mary Brooks for her role in preserving the Old Mint and rehabilitating it as a museum. I draw your attention to these two documents in order to emphasize the importance which has been placed on this structure by our membership.

The recent abrupt closure of the museum by your department caused great alarm among both historians and numismatists. We are grateful for your prompt personal action in ordering its temporary reopening. Our concern remains, however, as no plan is yet in place to operate the Old San Francisco Mint Museum in perpetuity as a federal property.

It is the opinion of many interested parties within California that the time may have come for the transfer of the Old Mint, either in whole or in part, from federal to local management. The California Historical Society and other responsible institutions have expressed such interest, and we ask that your department consider this as an option to permanent closure.

We of the California State Numismatic Association, having played so active a role in creating and furnishing this wonderful museum, wish to see it preserved as an ongoing educational and cultural instrument. As stated in our recent resolution, we further pledge our full resources, both human and material, to this worthy cause.

Sincerely,

David W. Lange
President

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The Honorable Lloyd Bentsen
Secretary of the Treasury

Resolution to Preserve the Old San Francisco Mint Museum

'We, the officers, directors and staff of the California State Numismatic Association do hereby pledge our full support for the maintenance and preservation of the Old San Francisco Mint Museum as a monument to California and Western history and as a showcase for the coins, tokens and currency of the United States of America.

Toward this end, we further pledge to lend our expertise and our collections as may be requested by the curator of the museum. The importance of this facility to both the City of San Francisco and to the State of California is paramount in our determination to see it remain open to the public, now and in the decades to come.

'Be it so resolved, this twenty-second day of January, 1994.

David W. Lange
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Proposal to Strike Coins in Commemoration of the Old San Francisco Mint

Purpose: To raise funds for the required seismic and human environmental upgrading of the Old San Francisco Mint Museum and to draw attention to this superb architectural and historical monument.

Proposal: That gold half eagles, silver dollars and silver half dollars be coined honoring the historic Old San Francisco Mint at Fifth & Mission Streets. The designs may be either literal or allegorical, provided that they depict themes relating to this particular mint or to the coining process in general. Possible commemorative dates include the 125th anniversary of ground breaking (1869-1994) or the 125th anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone (1870-1995). The coins are to be struck only during the year of their dating, preferably at the active San Francisco Mint.

Funds to upgrade the mint building are to be obtained through the levying of surcharges on the purchase of the proposed commemorative coins, such surcharges to be incorporated into the selling price of the coins. Suggested figures for the surcharges are one dollar for each half dollar piece, five dollars for each silver dollar and twenty-five dollars for each half eagle. Based on recent sales of such coins, the suggested maximum mintages are 500,000 for the half eagle, and 2,000,000 each for the half dollar and dollar.

Sales Period: Sales of the Old Mint commemoratives shall commence as soon as the requisite legislation is passed and the necessary models and dies prepared. Sales shall terminate no later than the end of the calendar year following the year of their dating.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Lange,

President

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Who's Who in Cal-State Numismatics



Michael S. Turrini
CSNA L-30-02

Michael S. Turrini, pen name "Stan," is a native of the San Francisco Bay Area. He was born in Oakland, California and moved to Vallejo as a baby. He had never traveled outside the northern California area until only the past few years, when he traveled to Washington, D.C. for the first strike ceremony for the Congressional Bicentennial Commemorative Coinages, and, later, two trips to Iowa for research on the 1946 Iowa Statehood Centennial Commemorative half dollar. Michael readily admits he does not enjoy flying, especially alone.

Michael attended schools in Vallejo and graduated from Vallejo Senior High School. He attended Solano Community College, and then it was

on to San Francisco State University where he majored in History and Industrial Arts, graduating "magna cum laude," and earned his teaching credentials. While in high school and at college, he worked several odd part-time jobs: gardener, busboy, and at Vallejo's Children's Wonderland, where he was the Park Manager, "Mr. Mike." Prior to teaching, he worked three years at NAVELEX on Mare Island Naval Shipyard.

He has taught at Will C. Wood School in Vacaville, California these past seventeen years, the school having been converted to a high school three years ago. He has taught such diverse classes as Small Engines, Drafting, Architectural Design, both U.S. and World Histories, and Government, and has been the school's Yearbook Advisor for the same number of years.

When asked if he could remember his first numismatic purchase, he replied, "The commemorative medals, locally issued, for the launching of the nuclear submarine Mariano G. Vallejo by Mare Island in October, 1965." He added that General Mariano Vallejo helped found the City of Vallejo in the 1850s.

Michael joined his first coin club in August, 1972, the Vallejo Numismatic Society. He currently belongs to, and more importantly, participates in most of the following coin clubs: Alameda, Delta, Diablo, Fairfield, Liberty Numismatic Society, Napa Valley, Pacific Coast Numismatic Society (PCNS), Peninsula, Redwood Empire, San Francisco, San Jose, Solano Silver Round, Vallejo, and Visalia. At meetings, you will always find him sitting behind a table filled with literature and information on local, state, and national numismatic organizations, plus other hobbies such as model railroading and stamps. At each meeting he attends, he promotes "Show and Tell," always having a numismatic or related item available

and prepared to give a short talk. You name it, Michael collects it: coins, medals, tokens, PPIE and GGIE memorabilia, model railroading, railroading memorabilia, stamps, sea shells, milk bottles, old newspapers and books, stocks and bonds, post cards, matchbooks--to name just a few!

He currently serves in the following elected offices: Fairfield (president since 1990), Diablo (president since 1993), Vallejo (treasurer since 1976), and Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA; treasurer since 1990), plus several other elected and appointed positions in various collector clubs.

Michael has been the sole editor of NCNA's newsletter, *NCNA Heads and Tales*, since its founding in April, 1981. While serving as the NCNA's Second Vice President and Publicity Coordinator, he organized for the 1986 Silver Jubilee Convention a round-table forum, "Numismatics Into the 21st Century," which featured the then presidents of the American Numismatic Association (ANA), American Numismatic Society (ANS), Canadian Numismatic Association (CNA), Sociedad Numismatica de Mexico, California State Numismatic Association (CSNA), NCNA, plus the editors of *Coin World* and *Numismatic News*, all together at the same time!

He is a life member of the Vallejo Numismatic Society and Fairfield Coin Club. He also holds life membership in the following numismatic organizations: ANA, CNA, CSNA, Central States Numismatic Society, Souvenir Card Collectors Society, Society for United States Commemorative Coins, American Vecturist Association, San Jose Coin Club, International Association of Wooden Money Collectors, and Dedicated Wooden Money Collectors. He also belongs to the Fly-In Club, California Exonumist Society, Society of Philatelists and Numismatists, American Society of Check Collectors, American Nickel Collectors Association, Franklin Collectors Club, and the Iowa Numismatic Association. He holds current membership in 65 diverse organizations--numismatic, philatelic, collector, historic, fraternal, and social!

Michael has served as an ANA District Delegate since 1988. In 1989 he was awarded the first-ever District Delegate Award. In 1993, then ANA president Edward Rochette presented him with the ANA President's Award for his outstanding work and effort as a District Delegate. This was only the second time this award had been bestowed.

Michael's other numismatic awards are numerous: Vallejo Numismatic Society's Service Award #1--September, 1984; Fairfield Coin Club's Rich Neil Memorial Award--December, 1986; several Literary Awards from the PCNS; Napa Valley Coin Club, Life Membership--June, 1987; Society for U.S. Commemorative Coins Award for his extensive research and writing on the 1946 Iowa Statehood Centennial Commemorative half dollar--October, 1990; and the Joint Service Plaque of the Fairfield and Vallejo groups--December, 1991. He has received many other awards, and no doubt there will be others in the future.

As his mother, Louise, says, "Michael is a good boy and a hard worker." We think so too Mrs. Turrini!

BY Jan D. Henke

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Dear Dr. Shea:

I sadly report the death of my daughter, Patricia Ann (Mrs. Edward E.) Terrill December 11 in the Springdale Memorial Hospital, Springdale, AR.

She lived most of her life here in San Jose. Grew up here after about age 10, and was graduated from both the Lincoln High School, San Jose, and from San Jose State University, where she earned an A.B. degree in home economics.

Before her two children finished school, she worked, first at an Albertson supermarket as bookkeeper and later as personnel manager for Montgomery Ward, San Jose.

I joined CSNA in 1948. In 1949 I was elected editor of the then newsletter, which I named "*Calcoin News*." I also was elected as a director. I was editor of the magazine for 12 and 1/2 years, until I turned it over to Lesley Lodge of San Francisco midway through 1962. I was vice president of the CSNA for four years and president for two--1967-69. My wife Nora, who died in 1989, was an associate member.

I took Pat, as a child, to several CSNA conventions held in Northern California.

The obituary which appeared in the Eureka Springs, Arkansas newspaper, Times-Echo, was written by her son--my grandson--Robert Edward Terrill, a doctoral candidate at Northwestern University, Evanston, IL.

I was in Arkansas during this ordeal, which was devastating to me. I had lost my wife, Nora, in October, 1989. I have a son only now. Chuck teaches at Santa Clara High School and is track and cross country head coach there.

Best,

Charles V. Kappen
CSNA L-02-06

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Through the Numismatic Glass

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VISIT THE ANDREW JOHNSON SUITE IN THE TREASURY BUILDING

While attending a performance of "Your American Cousin" at Ford's Theater on April 14, 1865, at 10:15 p.m. Abraham Lincoln was shot in the head by John Wilkes Booth. The President was carried to a lodging house opposite the theater. There, without regaining consciousness, he died at 7:22 a.m. the following morning. Vice President Andrew Johnson and the cabinet moved swiftly. That same morning Johnson was given the oath of office and at noon he and the cabinet held their first meeting.

The new president graciously gave Mrs. Lincoln time to move out of the White House. Meanwhile an office had to be found for President Johnson. Treasury Secretary Hugh McCulloch (1865-1869) had barely occupied his new suite when Lincoln was assassinated. This would serve Mr. Johnson well. So the Secretary provided office space for the President in the reception room directly outside his office on the third floor of the West Wing of the Treasury Building.



*The first cabinet meeting under the Administration of Andrew Johnson,
at the Treasury Building, April 16, 1865*

When Johnson took over for the assassinated Lincoln, he faced a task virtually as onerous as Lincoln faced in conducting the Civil War. Reconstruction of the South and the restoration into the union of the seceded states along with the establishment of satisfactory social and economic relationships between whites and the newly freed slaves were tremendous challenges. Johnson's policies clashed with the program of the dominant radical Republicans in the Congress. During the six weeks, from April 15, to May 24, 1865 that the new President utilized the temporary Treasury Office in place of the White House, he worked studiously to calm the nation and heal its wounds.

Many important and significant events took place in this room. President Johnson presided over his first cabinet meeting to plan the funeral of Abraham Lincoln. He met with foreign ambassadors; the first official reception of the Johnson Presidency. It was here that the \$100,000 reward for the capture of Confederate President Jefferson Davis was signed. (Davis was suspected of complicity in the assassination of Lincoln at that time.) And it was here that Johnson drafted the proclamation granting amnesty to Confederate soldiers.



*Secretary Nicholas Brady and Mrs. Katherine Brady welcome
First Lady Barbara Bush to the Treasury Department*

An account written by Treasury Secretary McCulloch is very telling of this period and the way in which Johnson utilized the room. McCulloch wrote:

“For six weeks after he became President, he occupied a room adjoining mine. He was there every morning by nine o’clock and he rarely left before five. There was no liquor in his office. His luncheon, when he had one, was like mine; a cup of tea and a cracker. It was in that room that he received the delegations that waited upon him, and the personal and political friends who called to pay their respects.”

The Andrew Johnson suite is one of the most significant spaces in the Treasury Building. It is historic because of the events that took place in this room and because it is one of the few times in American history that the President's Office was located outside the White House. The restoration of this suite, begun in 1989, was a major departmental project that was underway for over two years. It was paid for by private donations raised by the Committee for the Preservation of the Treasury Building.

The then First Lady, Barbara Bush officially opened the restored Johnson suite. She was joined by Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady and Mrs. Katherine Brady at the "ribbon-cutting" ceremony on October 25, 1991. In his remarks, Secretary Brady said, "President Lincoln's assassination and the arduous task of uniting a nation ripped apart by the Civil War are events inextricably linked to the Johnson suite."



Restored President Andrew Johnson suite closely resembles room depicted in April, 1865 engraving printed in Frank Leslie's Illustrated Weekly.

The reconstructed suite, an example of the Gilded Age, was meticulously completed. The elegant room is replete with rich, hand-woven carpets, unusual-sized wallpaper and handsome tie backs and ornate chair arms that boast gilded Treasury seals and ebonized details. The original suite included a bathroom which had been removed by the first occupant, Treasury Secretary Salmon P. Chase.

Several pieces of furniture original to the suite and used by President Johnson have been placed in the room. The sofa and two paintings (Lincoln and Grant) were still in the room when the project was begun. Three period chairs and a white marble mantel piece were restored to the suite. Black mourning cloth drapes the room as it did during the days following the death of Lincoln.

The Treasury Guards flag was loaned to Ford's Theater on the night of April 14th, where it was draped on the President's box. This was the flag on which Booth caught his spur as he jumped from the box after shooting Lincoln. Afterwards, the flag hung outside the door of President Johnson's temporary office in the Treasury Building and

was displayed on the Treasury portico during the Grand March of the Union Troops in May, 1865. The original flag remains in Ford's Theater but the Treasury Department had a hand-painted replica made and it hangs outside the door of the restored room. On loan from Tennessee is a white and gold teapot, shaped like a locomotive with a whistle of a train. The teapot, which had been given to Jefferson Davis and looted from the Confederate White House, was sold at auction after the Civil War. The owner then presented it to President Johnson in his Treasury Building office.



Hand painted replica of the Treasury Guards flag that hung outside Andrew Johnson's Executive Office in the Treasury Building.

If you were fortunate enough to tour the Old Mint Museum in San Francisco before it was closed [the Old Mint has temporarily reopened pending a final decision on its fate. Ed.], you probably visited the restored office of San Francisco Mint Superintendent Frank Leach who was in charge of that facility at the time of the earthquake of 1906. Similarly, the restored Andrew Johnson suite offers visitors another opportunity to witness a special piece of the history of the United States. Free guided tours are conducted on Saturday mornings, excluding holiday weekends. The approximate length of the tour is 90 minutes.

The author wishes to acknowledge and thank the Treasury Historical Association and their President, Thomas P. O'Malley for their help in gathering information regarding the Johnson suite and the restoration of the President's temporary office.

THE 93rd CSNA CONVENTION

BY Dr. Regan G. Shea

For the second consecutive year, CSNA held its northern area convention in conjunction with the San Jose Coin Club's Annual Show. And once again it was an enjoyable venue for conducting both the business and social aspects of a CSNA convention.

The show and convention sprang to life on Friday, January 21, 1994. Throughout the day there was a growing buzz of activity at the CSNA table, which was staffed by those few dedicated stalwarts we have all come to depend on for so much. These included Awanda Ayers, Ethel Lenhert, and Joyce Kuntz--among others. Friday's main event came in the evening with the Educational Forum. Moderator and CSNA Past-President Tom Fitzgerald introduced a pair of excellent talks. The first, by Phil Norden, had a heavy flavor of the islands--the Philippine Islands that is. Phil's audio-visual *tour de force* gave those present a crash course on all things numismatic from the Philippines. Herb Miles rounded out the evening with a stand-out version of his talk on Liberia's coins and history.

Saturday morning brought both the CSNA board meeting and general meeting. Attendees at each meeting learned from President Dave Lange the latest on efforts to find a permanent solution to oversight of the Old San Francisco Mint building and museum. Dave told of his inclusion on San Francisco Mayor Frank Jordan's MINT task force charged with seeking suitable arrangements for keeping the facility open. He also circulated a letter addressed to Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen for board members to sign. The letter recalled CSNA's role in saving the "Granite Lady" during the 1970's and stated the Association's opposition to the recent Mint closure. A copy of the letter appears elsewhere in this issue.

The balance of Saturday brought educational and business meetings by various other numismatic organizations. Among these gatherings was one by the California Exonumists Society, with Don Thrall as the featured speaker and another by members of Early American Coppers with Lee Kuntz describing large cent hoards. Dave Lange also presented a slide show on counterfeit detection.



*Dorothy Baber awards Ed Fulwider the
CSNA Medal of Merit*



*Calcoin News Editor Emeritus Virginia
Hall and current Editor Regan Shea*

Of course, no convention would be complete without the awards banquet. Following a welcome by President Lange and an enjoyable dinner among friends, Stephen M. Huston masterfully performed the master of ceremonies duties. After the assembly acknowledged the plethora of previous CSNA presidents in attendance, the 25 year membership medals were

awarded by Tom Fitzgerald, assisted by Corresponding Secretary Awanda Ayers. Curiously, the only recipient present was Tom. Recording Secretary Ethel Lenhert assisted Awanda in presenting him his medal and congratulating him with a kiss!



*Master of Ceremonies Stephen Huston
and William Grant*



*CSNA Vice President Phil Iversen,
Best of Exonumia Award winner*

There was to have been an award from the California Exonumists Society, presented by William Grant, but judging had not been completed. Only on Sunday was it determined that Phil Iversen had won the Best of Exonumia.

Dorothy Baber took the podium next for a "Special Presentation." Dorothy had the pleasure of presenting a Medal of Merit to speechless recipient Ed Fulwider. Although Ed was too stunned and surprised by the award to say much that night, he sends word that he is truly grateful for such a high honor.

The awarding continued with *Calcoin News* Editor Regan Shea handing out the honors. First off was a little old business, as Regan presented Larry Reppeteau the first place medal for the 1992 competition, as mix-ups had kept Larry from receiving his prize previously. Then it was on to the 1993 awards, which were as follows:

1st Place--Jim Betton, "Stories from the Past"

2nd Place--David W. Lange, "The Numismatic Legacy of Fred Rauch"

Honorable Mention: Virginia Hall, "The President's House: 200th Anniversary Coin

Thomas F. Fitzgerald, "The Mexican Monetary Reform"

Michael S. Turrini, "1946 Iowa Statehood Centennial Commemorative Half Dollar, Part 14"

Regan then announced to a surprised Virginia Hall that the board had named her Editor Emeritus. This honor was in recognition of the more than 17 years (1975-1993) of outstanding service she gave as *Calcoin News* Editor. Virginia received a framed certificate and her new title will appear on the masthead page of each issue of *Calcoin News*.

To round out the evening, Tom Fitzgerald invited all present to the March 19 Educational Symposium and Phil Iversen issued an invitation to the 94th Convention and Golden State Show, September 30-October 1, 1994, at the Airport Marina Hotel in Los Angeles.

EXHIBIT AWARDS

Best of Show--Gary Acquistapace, Mexican Silver Pesos of the 20th Century

1st Award-- Jeff Shevlin, Tarnish on Morgan Dollars

1st Award--Phil Iversen, Ringling Bros. Circus Scrip

2nd Award--Charles White, Odd and Curious Money of Siam

2nd Award--Gordon Donnell, Wooden Money



1946 IOWA STATEHOOD CENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIVE HALF DOLLAR



Part 17

The Lawrence Brothers: Native Iowans and Lifelong Republicans

BY Michael S. Turrini, CSNA L-30-02

Dedication: This seventeenth article in this author's Iowa series is dedicated with a great measure of esteem and love to a non-coin hobbyist and student of this author, Brian K. Richerson. Brian is Editor of Will C. Wood High School's yearbook, Cat Tracks, and has been for all four years of high school. He graduates June, 1994, and to this author, he has been as a son.

The sixteenth article in this series (*Calcoin News*, Winter, 1994) concluded with a January 14, 1947 letter signed by Roy Lawrence (1904-1983) to John M. Grimes (1878-1971), then Iowa's State Treasurer, ordering 250 1946 Iowa Statehood Centennial Commemorative Half Dollars at \$625. The letter included his admonishment that "we wish to pay only \$2.50 per coin, plus transportation."¹

Roy and his twin brother Ray (1904-1968) from the mid-1940's into the 1960's attained and maintained a national presence as coin dealers and publishers in the then emerging popular coin hobby. Their tabloids, *The Philatelic Press* and later *The Coin Collector*, were forerunners of contemporary coin hobby periodicals.² These twin brothers--frugal, hardworking, and determined--conducted their business and publishing from Anamosa, Iowa, their hometown. Their publication at its height had a subscription list into the tens of thousands in all states.

Originally stamp dealers, with the end of the Second World War their emphasis converted, eventually completely, to coins. Roy would trace this conversion "to the zooming popularity of coin collecting"³ in the immediate years after the war's end and its discharge of millions of servicemen back into civilian life. The release of the Iowa half dollar in 1946 amplified this growing popularity of the coin hobby and ignited the brothers' business interest.⁴

With the initial distribution and sales in late 1946 and early 1947, the Lawrence brothers became interested and attempted to purchase half dollars for their mail order business, as the aforementioned January 14, 1947 letter stated. This letter would be the first of several correspondences generated over the next two months. (The letter was reproduced in Figure 3 in the sixteenth article, *Calcoin News*, Winter, 1994.)

Since space and sanity would not permit a detailed scrutiny of the brothers' correspondence with the State Treasurer, an abridgment, at least, will furnish insight into the Lawrence brothers as well as the Iowa Centennial Committee's obsession to have the "widest possible distribution," something made quite apparent in prior articles in this series.⁵

Roy Lawrence, impatient, wrote again on January 21, 1947 claiming that he could "get you easily 250 more Republican votes if you'll send us the 250 Iowa centennial coins we ordered one week ago today."⁶ Roy did not just promise the Republican State Treasurer Republican votes. he also threatened to "vote for F.D.R.," if "our customers...don't get

Again impatient and more intense, still waiting for his order at a reduced price and in quantity, Roy dashed off another letter on January 23, 1947. In this longer letter, Roy claimed that at 100,000 mintage the “immense issue” would be “unable to sell” with the price “eventually” dropping. He continued that even at the reduced price, \$2.50 versus \$3.00, he would not be a “hoarer” (sic) for his price would be \$3.00. In addition, he concluded that he might “hussle for more,” 500 or 1000, but only at \$2.50 per coin, because “\$3.00 is too high a price for a good investment.” In closing, he requests to purchase a copy of the “mailing list of all the coin collectors who have written in.”⁸ All of this in one letter! For this letter in its entirety, refer to Figure 1. Note the brothers’ stationery with its philatelic headings. The reference to WHO, then Des Moines’ (Iowa) statewide radio station, alluded to the broadcasts directed by the Iowa Centennial Committee to advertise the half dollars.

Having written three letters and having received no half dollars, at first it might seem Roy's choice of words and menacing posture were justified. But on January 23, 1947, State Treasurer Grimes did respond and stated the intention of single sales to individuals versus large orders. In his letter there was no mention of the brothers' remittance of \$625.00.

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Mr. John M. Grimes,
Treasurer of State of Iowa,
Des Moines, Iowa.

Dear Mr. Grimes:

Last night over WHO, I happened to hear your plan for Iowa to buy the Iowa coins from you. It was very interesting. You related you were offering the coins for \$2.50, sending them out by registered mail, return receipt requested, and this expense cost you 30% postage, and you were making \$3.00 net per coin. You stated you were offering the coins in this manner to assure wide distribution.

In coin collecting and dealing, the issuance of 100,000 coins is an immense issue, as in former years when even 15,000 or 25,000 coins have been minted, they have been unable to sell that number, when offered primarily to coin collectors, and eventually the price on such coins, regardless of the amount asked when issued, falls to about \$1.25, or \$1.15 per piece.

Over a week ago I ordered 250 coins remitting \$625.00 bank draft. Your peddling them out at \$2.50 via the registered mail route, scarcely nets your dept. any more profit than what I offer, especially so when the element of labor is involved. I have orders for the coin and wish to fill them. In no sense of the word am I a "hoarder". In fact, my selling price is \$3.00.

With a decision to fulfill this order, and my inclination to hassle for more, I might be able to handle 500 or ~~more~~ 1000 more. But I am very much inclined to move them as fast as possible, as 100,000 at \$3.00 is too high a price for a good investment.

I wish to know if I could buy a mailing list of all the coin collectors who have written in? Could I inquire the approximate charge, or could I make a copy myself? I feel these kids paying \$3.00 each for the Iowa coin, might pay good prices for other rare coins. (Coins that are really rare).

I asked my order of 250 be shipped by express, transportation charges, collect.

Very truly, and voting the Republican ticket straight, we are,
Lawrence Brothers By Roy C. Lawrence
Lawrence Brothers, by Roy C. Lawrence

Figure 1

apparently still held, uncashed and unfulfilled.

The brothers had not forgotten about their \$625.00, in a negotiable bank draft, and on February 1, 1947, Roy wrote again. First, he claimed a "friend" had already received 30 half dollars in advance "fully a week ahead" of Roy's order. He maintains that "Iowa numismatist dealers" should be serviced and that the brothers "have about 150 unfilled orders."⁹

On February 7, 1947 another letter was sent with the same plea and same demand. This letter was promptly answered on February 8, 1947--note the speed of the postal service in 1947--by State Treasurer Grimes who wrote that the matter would be referred to the Iowa Centennial Committee. Two days later, February 10th, State Treasurer Grimes returned the brothers' bank draft with a terse statement noting the firm price of \$3.00 per coin.

There is a hiatus in the correspondence, as deduced from available records, until March 26, 1947 during the final week of sales. Roy communicated that "we are perhaps the most active coin dealers in America" and that "nearly all coin collectors have not been pleased in the manner in which the Iowa centennial coins were distributed." He ordered 14 half dollars and paid the correct charge. Note his characteristic of thrift in dictating that the order be shipped "in one parcel, as we favor economical manner of operations." Ending his epistle, he denounced "the Iowa coin as a NATIONAL SCANDAL and HELLO SUCKER."¹⁰ Refer to Figure 2 for this complete letter. It is provocative to note in his letter that his twin, Ray, supposedly received 30 half dollars. Nothing can confirm nor dispute this. As for their order, it was filled and mailed, in one parcel, on March 28, 1947. Evidently, this was their only order, while asserting to have "handled 100's."¹¹

Contrary to the brothers' accusations, there were no special treatments granted to coin dealers. The objective of individual purchases over bulk purchases was stringently adhered. An inspection of the available documents and correspondence in the Iowa State Treasurer's Office and Ralph Evans' (1896-1973) copious files corroborate this fact.

For example, David M. Bullova, contemporary nationally esteemed numismatist and coin dealer plus Fellow of the American Numismatic Society (ANS) of New York City and Pacific Coast Numismatic Society (PCNS) of San Francisco, California, had to solicit the intercession of Ralph Evans for a minute order of just 10 half dollars which were bought at the requested price of \$3.00 each. Although very complimentary of Mr. Bullova and acknowledging him as "a recognized authority on commemorative coins...who helped our sub-committee [Mr. Evans' committee on the half dollar] while he was attending the annual"¹² American Numismatic Association (ANA) convention held in Davenport, Iowa August, 1946, Mr. Evans would dictate a salient letter to Mr. Bullova elucidating the half dollars' distribution and sales. His closing paragraph is reflective of both his and the Iowa Centennial Committee's aim:¹³

Some of the coin dealers here in Iowa have attempted to buy the coin in considerate numbers but such orders are not being filled pending the time that ample opportunity has been given to all individuals to purchase these coins in reasonable amounts. As a matter of fact, we could dispose of all the remaining coins to dealers at the price of \$2.50 each, if it were not our desire to give fair and reasonable opportunity to all persons interested in coins to secure them direct from the State Treasurer at the established price of \$3, which price includes the cost of packaging, registered mail with return receipt, etc.

What can be ascertained, so far, is that the only recorded coin dealer purchases were the Lawrence brothers and David M Bullova, for a total of 24 half dollars. There had to be others, but no record remains.

This matter of the \$3.00 price and coin dealers obtaining bulk purchases was enough to agitate Ralph Evans and Edith W. McElroy (1887-1975), the Iowa Centennial Committee's Executive Secretary. For Mrs. McElroy this matter was critical, since she daily expedited the orders, answered the inquiries, and coordinated with the State

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March 26th, 1947.

Mr. J. M. Grimes,
Treasurer of State,
Des Moines, Iowa.

Dear Mr. Grimes:

We are perhaps the most active coin dealers in America as we not only handle coins but also edit a large monthly coin publication. We as well as nearly all coin collectors have not been pleased in the manner in which the Iowa centennial coins were distributed. We sent you a draft for \$625.00 for 250 of the Iowa Centennial coins when you were selling them for \$2.50 each, and during the three weeks you held our draft you accepted orders for coins at \$2.50 each, 30 from my brother, Ray L. Lawrence, at Washington, Iowa, and 50 from my friend Mr. McCabe, of Oskaloosa, and yet, you refused to accept my order, even though you held my bank draft for three weeks.

Eventually you wrote the committee was asking \$2.50 for each coin plus .50¢ for transportation, and that each coin was mailed separately by registered mail with a postage expense of 27¢ per coin. Today we need 14 additional Iowa coins, and submit bank draft in sum of \$42.00. These coins could be sent individually to us by registered mail, 27¢ postage expended on each and every one, with a postage expense of \$x \$3.78, on the 14 parcels. Or the coins could be sent by insured parcel post or express for 78¢ or less; leaving a surplus of \$3.00, or sufficient amount to pay your price for another coin. We suggest they be sent in one parcel, as we favor economical manner of operations.

At \$2.50 per coin, we might use 100 or 1,000. Letters have reached our desk from coin collectors all over America referring to the sale of the Iowa coin as a NATIONAL SCANDAL, and HELLO SUCKER.

LB/RCL

I have never sold an Iowa coin
for over \$3.00 and I have handled
100s.

Very truly,
Lawrence Brothers
Lawrence Brothers
By Roy C. Lawrence

Figure 2

Treasurer's office where the orders were received and processed from January through March, 1947.¹⁴

On February 3, 1947, she typed a full two page letter to Ralph Evans commencing that "A situation is developing up there [State Treasurer's office] which needs some attention."¹⁵ Abstracting her lengthy remarks, she maintained that the \$3.00 price must be held without exception. Her letter indicated that "orders are coming in from southeastern Iowa which very obviously are designed to provide Lawrence in Anamosa with coins."¹⁶ Then she itemized a roster of purchases and orders, over-the-counter and by mail, coming into the State Treasurer's office, all inferred from the same source, the Lawrence brothers.¹⁷ She stated frankly that the \$3.00 price was acceptable for single orders at which the necessary handling and mailing, about 20¢, warranted the charge; however, the problem arose with larger orders or over-the-counter orders to which dispute was indicated against the \$3.00 per coin charge.

Her letter is testimony that the Iowa Centennial Committee was committed to the fairest and widest distribution and sales. It is analogous to other correspondence by her, Ralph Evans, State Treasurer Grimes, and others, all with the same theme; however, the matchless politician that she was, Mrs. McElroy did qualify that "an occasional little 'under-counter-job'" could be provided to "members of the legislature, etc."¹⁸ One

significant comment in her letter was that, at that date, early February, 1947, most mail orders were from "coin collectors," which she credited to national publicity and "coin magazines," and further that repeat orders from coin hobbyists were being received and filled.¹⁹

Well, the controversy with the Lawrence brothers forced Ralph Evans and Edith W. McElroy to communicate and meet, and a general open letter was composed which would be mailed to coin dealers. This open letter was published in Q. David Bowers' distinguished "Commemorative Coins of the United States" (c1991) on pages 446-447, but without background nor explanation. It is unmistakable that Ralph Evans and Edith McElroy together with others reacted to the Lawrence brothers and authored this open letter. This Author has in his references Ralph Evans' original typed draft and the open letter itself. Refer to Figure 3. The letter is self-explanatory, now that events causing it have been explained. The readers' attention is directed to Mrs. McElroy's counter to supposedly false statements and her insistence that "none [of the half dollars] will be sold at less than the \$3.00 per coin price."²⁰ To whom and how many of these mimeographed open letters were mailed was not recorded.

The open letter, well-written and articulated, would not be the final word. As already

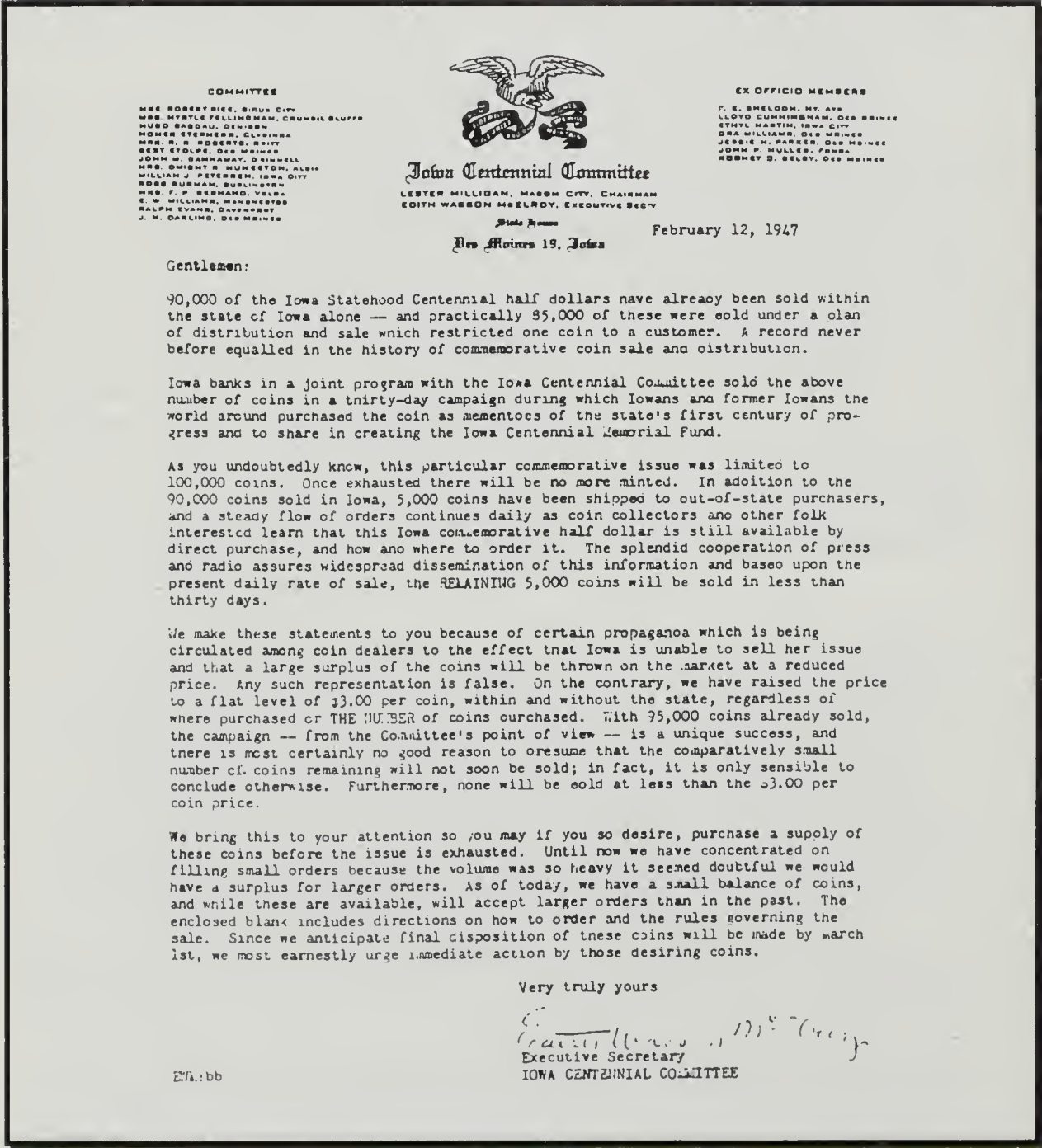


Figure 3

published in the prior article in this series, Lester Milligan (1893-1977) communicated directly to the Lawrence brothers on February 15, 1947, penning his famous rejoinder on the carbon copy to Ralph Evans that "The Coin Collectors Must Be Hurt, The Way They Gripe!" Mr. Milligan was the chairman of the full Iowa Centennial Committee, but left the concerns of the half dollars to Ralph Evans and his small sub-committee.

In another letter, Ralph Evans, writing on February 18, 1947, to Mrs. McElroy, mailed a copy of the February 3, 1947 issue of the Lawrence brothers' *Philatelic Press* commenting that "I have some dope on Lawrence Brothers, which confirms our opinions."²¹ A critique of a microfilmed copy of this issue did not denote anything really derogatory, save the brothers' complaint of never having an opportunity "to acquire the Iowa coins" on the same page with these two notices:

We have Iowa Centennial coins to swap for other commemorative coins--Lawrence Bros.

CASH FOR IOWA 50¢

CENTENNIAL COINS. We must have these to furnish our world wide demand. After all, we have supplied more collectors with this coin than any other dealer.

Lawrence Brothers---Anamosa, Iowa

Of course, it does not require much to learn that Ralph Evans and others were not ecstatic with or about the Lawrence brothers, especially when in their *Philatelic Press* they criticized the distribution and sales while advertising to both sell and to buy Iowa half dollars at the same price as the State!

The Lawrence brothers continued in business for another two decades, and the remaining half dollars were sold-out by April, 1947. The open letter proved even positive, for on February 29, 1947, the always punctilious Mrs. McElroy wrote to Ralph Evans that "we are getting in a nice little flow of orders from dealers in response to our letter."²³

In the end, the Lawrence brothers never received their order of 250 half dollars, but the Iowa Centennial Committee could pronounce, proudly and correctly, "a record never before equaled in the history of commemorative coin sale and distribution."²⁴

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FOOTNOTES

1. Roy Lawrence, letter of January 14, 1947 to State Treasurer John M Grimes. This present article concludes the prior article , "The Lawrence Brothers: Twin Coin Dealers," and readers are welcomed to reread it in *Calcoin News*, Winter, 1994. For convenience, footnotes have been limited to direct quotations and significant aspects.
2. An obituary in *Coin World*, November 16, 1983, for Roy Lawrence, the surviving twin, recognized the brothers' *The Coin Collector* as "the nation's first tabloid-size coin publication."
3. *The Philatelic Press*, December 7, 1953. Originally an interview with Roy published in a Cedar Rapids, Iowa newspaper.
4. This was asserted by Roy Lawrence in the footnote 3 article. Coin hobby emerged in the 1940s into a popular, national, and public hobby.
5. Readers are invited to reread the entire series which began in the *PCNS Journal*, July, 1989.
6. Roy Lawrence, letter of January 21, 1947 to State Treasurer John M. Grimes.
7. *Ibid.* Roy did all of the correspondence; Ray seems to be just a silent partner.
8. Roy Lawrence, letter of January 23, 1947 to State Treasurer John M. Grimes. This footnote applies to all quotations in the paragraph.

9. Roy Lawrence, letter of February 1, 1947 to State Treasurer John M. Grimes. This footnote applies to all quotations in the paragraph.
10. Roy Lawrence, letter of March 26, 1947 to State Treasurer John M. Grimes. This footnote applies to all quotations in the paragraph.
11. The brothers advertised heavily to both buy and sell Iowa half dollars, avowing supplying more customers "than any other dealer."
12. Ralph Evans, letter of January 25, 1947 to State Treasurer John M. Grimes.
13. Ralph Evans, letter of January 25, 1947 to David M. Bullova. This was a rather long, detailed letter summarizing progress to date on the distribution and sales.
14. All sales were, after the Bank Sales ended, via the State Treasurer, directly from the second floor office in the State Capitol Building.
15. Edith W. McElroy, letter of February 3, 1947 to Ralph Evans. Implied is that Mrs. McElroy and the Iowa Centennial Committee worked from dingy, tiny basement quarters in the Capitol Building.
16. Ibid.
17. Orders were via the mail or "walk-in" directly at the State Treasurer's Office, and also Des Moines banks were still occasionally placing orders for out-of-town small local banks and customers well into February and March, 1947.
18. Edith W. McElroy, Republican and hardworking, was a remarkable woman decades before the concept of the "working woman." A future article will be a biography of this woman who contributed much to the success of the Iowa halves.
19. "Coin magazines" might have referred to Hewitt's *Numismatic Scrapbook Magazine*, January 15, 1947 issue. Second orders were being accepted after mid-January, 1947.
20. Edith W. McElroy, open letter of February 12, 1947.
21. Ralph Evans, letter of February 3, 1947 to Edith McElroy. Mr. Evans entreats Mrs. McElroy to "please guard it [the newspaper] safely." Years later, it is still in Mr. Evans' files at the University of Iowa, Main Library, Special Collections.
22. *The Philatelic Press*, February 3, 1947.
23. Edith W. McElroy, letter of February 20, 1947 to Ralph Evans. Quotation also published in fourteenth article in this series, *Calcoin News*, Summer, 1993.
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ANOTHER VOICE FROM THE PAST

BY Don W. Whaley, CSNA R-4199

A couple of years back at the West Valley Coin Club's annual Sunday-only show, I was discussing ancient coins with one of southern California's foremost experts on ancients, Harold Donald (the man with two first names). Among the properties on his bourse table he displayed a silver Tetradrachm of Alexander the Great (336-323 B.C.).

This called to mind that in the time of Alexander the Great the city of Alexandria was surrounded by huge walls with towers and walkways. Guards were posted 24 hours to provide early warning of any attackers. Each guard was assigned an eight hour duty watch and a lot of dissension was created by relief guards showing up late.

To promote harmony, Alexander turned to his Chief Alchemist and had him develop a green solution that could be applied to a cloth tied to the wrist of each guard. This chemical dye would fade away in exactly eight hours, providing each guard with a precise measure of the duration of his watch. This method has come down to us through the ages and is today remembered as Alexander's Rag Time Band.....

CSNA / ANAheim 1995

The American Numismatic Association's 1995 Anniversary Convention, hosted by the CSNA, will be held at the Anaheim Convention Center, August 16-20, 1995.

The committee chairpersons who will, under the direction of the ANA staff, plan and run the show, have been appointed and held their first meeting on January 15, 1994. They are:

Kay Lenker, San Diego, Asst. Chairman	Ginny Bourke, San Diego, Pre-registration
Don & Terry Foster, Arcadia, Exhibits	William J. Grant, Patton, Bourse/Property
Jim & Ellen Hunt, San Diego, Activities	Harold Katzman, Tustin, Publicity
Mary Yahalom, 1000 Oaks, Registration	Joyce & Lee Kuntz, Claremont, Medals
Murray Singer, Los Angeles, Finance	Ethel Lenhert, Upland, Banquet
Phil Iversen, Sherman Oaks, Young Numismatists/Pages	
David W. Lange, San Francisco, Education/Numismatic Theater	

The ANA Medal Committee (Tom Fitzgerald, Joyce & Lee Kuntz, and Kay Lenker) have recommended a design and award-winning sculptor Alex Shagin has agreed to be the artist.

We will be provided a table on the bourse floor at this summer's July ANA convention in Detroit to promote the Anaheim show. We will provide some advertising items to be given out, make available information dealing with hotels, activities, etc. in the Anaheim area and disseminate information about the CSNA. We discussed what to display at our meetings in San Jose in January. We will have copies of the Calcoin News, our book (Money Talks), some examples of our medals, our library catalog, membership information and applications, and other things at our table. Tom Fitzgerald, Kay Lenker, and other members of the CSNA in attendance will spend time at the table.

A number of you have informed me that you wish to serve on a committee. You don not have to be in Anaheim every day of the convention to do this. We need you and your ideas. Please write to me at P.O. Box 4144, Covina, CA 91723 or telephone me at (818) 335-3343.

Thomas F. Fitzgerald
General Chairman

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1964	35th	Disneyland	4.00	1977	61st	Pasadena	wanted
1965	37th	San Diego	4.50	1978	62nd	San Fran.	7.00
1966	38th	Fresno	8.00	1978	63rd	Los Angeles	6.00
1966	39th	Riverside	8.00	1979	64th	San Fran.	4.00
1967	40th	Sacramento	7.00	1979	65th	Anaheim	wanted
1967	41st	Anaheim	5.00	1980	66th	San Fran.	4.00
1968	42nd	San Fran.	20.00	1980	67th	San Diego	wanted
1968	43rd	Los Angeles	3.00	1981	68th	San Fran.	3.00
1969	44th	Palo Alto	6.00	1981	69th	Anaheim	4.00
1969	45th	San Diego	5.00	1982	70th	San Fran.	4.00
1970	46th	Sacramento	10.00	1982	71st	Anaheim	3.00
1970	47th	Los Angeles	5.00	1983	72nd	San Fran.	3.00
1971	48th	Fresno	8.00	1983	73rd	Anaheim	3.00
1971	49th	Santa Mon.	7.00	1984	74th	San Fran.	3.00
1972	50th	San Fran.	9.00	1984	75th	Anaheim	3.00
1972	51st	Los Angeles	6.00	1985	76th	San Jose	3.00
1973	52nd	Oakland	4.00	1985	Spcl	Statue Lib.	15.00
1973	53rd	Anaheim	5.00	1985	77th	Anaheim	4.00
1973	Spcl	Mus. Dedic.	6.00	1986	78th	San Fran.	2.50
1973	Spcl	Mint "Bi"	6.00	1986	79th	Los Angeles	3.00
1973	Spcl	Mint Cent	wanted	1987	80th	San Fran.	5.00
1974	54th	Sacramento	6.00	1987	81st	San Bern.	3.00
1974	55th	San Diego	5.00	1988	82nd	San Jose	3.00
1975	56th	San Fran.	5.00	1988	83rd	San Bern.	2.50
1975	57th	Pasadena	5.00	1989	84th	San Mateo	5.00
1976	58th	Fresno	4.50	1989	85th	Santa Ana	4.00
1976	59th	Disneyland	6.00	1990	86th	Pasadena	3.00
1977	60th	San Fran.	4.00	1990	87th	San Jose	2.50

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By: Harold Katzman

100% SELL THROUGH

The December meeting of the Whittier Coin Club featured, "holiday goodie night." Each member provided different goodies to eat. The club also had a Toys for Tots collection and a gift exchange. PHIL CHANG won \$21 in the membership drawing. Club member CALETTA GILREATH is able to walk without a cane after surgery gave her a "new knee." DANNY MOK gave a very interesting program on "Mardi Gras Doubloons" at the January meeting. It was noted in the bulletin that past president BOB SCOTT had passed away after a long illness. Member JACK DECKER also passed away in December. The club extends its condolences to the respective families. Would you believe that every single auction lot was sold in January? Auctioneer HAROLD KATZMAN (that's me) did just that. That's the first time in 35 years this has happened. Boy was that an exciting event. In February, JEAN ELLIS and MIKE APPLGATE presented a program on Love Tokens.

A COPPER CLAPPER CAPPER??

New officers were installed at the Upland Coin Club in December: President--BILL WISSLEAD; Vice-President--DON FOSTER; Secretary--ETHEL LENHERT; Treasurer--MARLIN LENHERT; and board members--AL HALL, BILL GRANT, JIM CLARKSTON, AWANDA AYERS, and FREDDIE GRANT. January had G. LEE KUNTZ present a program on "Yap Stone Money." You sure don't want a pocket full of Yap change. "Bells that do not Ring" was the program given by AL HALL in February. It is amazing how many items have bells on them. Does this mean "silence is golden?"

INSTALLATION TIME

PAUL BORACK was the installing officer for the West Valley Coin Club. New officers for 1994 include: President--BURT SNOW; 1st Vice-President--PHIL IVERSEN; 2nd Vice-President--SIDNEY FAGGOT; Corresponding Secretary--DOROTHY JOHNSON; Recording Secretary--EILEEN BERNSTEIN; and Treasurer--WALTER OSTROMECKI. Board members installed were: MATT JONES, BRUCE BROWN, DILLON FROST, and DICK MURACHANIAN.

EARTHSHAKING FRACTIONAL CURRENCY

WALTER OSTROMECKI installed the following officers for the Verdugo Hills Coin Club: President--EARL FRITCHER; 1st Vice-President--JEFF KLEMZAK; 2nd Vice-President--KEITH MOSURE; Secretary--DORIS FULLER; Treasurer--ED GAGON; Editor--BOB THOMPSON; and board members--STEVE ALBANESE, JIM BARTH, MAKE BALWIN, BRUCE BROWN, JIM HART, BERT SNOW, and BOB VICK. Ten games of bingo followed with silver dollars as prizes. Twenty-five door prizes were also given away. JOHN BARNES talked on "California Tokens" in January. BERT SNOW is the 1994 Coin Show Chairman. EARL FRITCHER and RICK GORDON are the Bourse Co-Chairmen. PHIL

IVERSEN gave a slide program on "Postage and Fractional Currency" in February. Phil had to dig up his program out of the earthquake rubble of his Sherman Oaks apartment.

A COPPER CAPER

The Santa Barbara Coin Club presented a life membership card to STAN GRIFFETH for his many years of outstanding service to the club. Congratulations! JOHN GORK presented an ANA slide show on "Early American Copper Coins" in February. Traveling all the way from Orange County, BILL WISSLEAD presented a program on the \$20 gold coins in March.

MEDAL DESIGN SELECTED

New officers for the San Diego Numismatic Society include: President--GINNY BOURKE; Vice-President--DOROTHY BABER; Secretary--KAY LENKER; Treasurer--LARRY BABER; and board--JEAN LUCE, PAT HOOK, and PHIL CENTRUM. AL BABER gave a program on "Buffalo Nickels" in February. BILL WISSLEAD was to give the program but had to cancel at the last minute due to illness. JIM HUNT won the "Scholar of the Year" award. Coinarama medals for 1994 are now available from KEN STEMPIEN. The three piece set (silver, golden bronze, and oxidized bronze) is priced at \$25 or \$22 if paid before April 1. For more information write to Ken at P.O. Box 13311 El Cajon, CA 92022.



THE FATHER OF BASIC FLYING

The Chula Vista Coin Club has issued a medal honoring John J. Montgomery, "the Father of Basic Flying." A three piece set (silver, golden, and oxidized bronze) is available. Contact CHUCK LUCE at P.O. Box 608024, San Diego, CA 92160 for more information.

CHANGING OF THE GUARD

Dateline: November, 1973. The San Bernardino County Coin Club asks VIRGINIA HALL to edit and publish the bulletin, *The Coin Press* as Editor Bryan Burke is hip deep in school activities, for two issues.

Dateline: December, 1993. With the mailing of the December Coin Press, Virginia Hall completes 20 years as editor. Some temporary assignment! Virginia extended her sincerest thanks to all current and past officers and board members for all of their support. Under Virginia's editorship, *The Coin Press* won many regional and national awards. Congratulations Virginia on 20 years of outstanding service and editorship. January saw the first issue under the editorship of ROBERT McCARTHY. For someone with "absolutely no experience in this type of endeavor" (his words), Robert is doing an excellent job. I can see in my crystal ball another 20 year reign in the making. Dr. WILLIAM COLEMAN gave the January program on "Autographs." The awards banquet was held January 16.

Member of the year went to KAY LENKER. Highlighting the evening was the presentation of the first "Fred Coops Medal of Merit." Fred, who recently passed away was one of the founders of the club. The first individuals to receive this medal were selected by ballot. The medals were presented by RANDY BRIGGS, long time friend and associate of Fred and President of Collector Galleries, also founded by Fred. Medal winners were: VIRGINIA HALL, AL HALL, BILL GRANT, ANGUS BRUCE, RANDY BRIGGS (Sponsor), JOHN DUDDING (Sponsor).

AND THE WINNERS ARE...

"An Evening with Walter Breen," a video presentation was the program for the L.A. Coin Club for January and February. Walter's superior knowledge of numismatics and his likable personality earned him many supporters and admirers. The club welcomed new members SUSAN and DAVID KLEIN. In March, JOHN BARNES spoke about "California Tokens." The club's bulletin, *The Wire Edge*, won the NASC's President's Trophy for Outstanding Club Publication for 1993. Congratulations to Editor ED CASAUS. Club junior member JASON ALBANESE received the NASC's "Young Numismatist of the Year" award. And members JERRY and MARY YAHALOM are the new publishers of the NASC's *Quarterly*.

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN

The Litton Coin Club's January program was titled "Pre-1947 Coinage of the Philippines," given by PHIL IVERSEN. February saw a slide show on "The Does and Don'ts of Coin Collecting." December's holiday party at El Torito was well attended. Santa (aka LARRY BUCK) made a short visit before heading back to the North Pole. A special thanks went to KATHY OLDHAM for setting up the yearly party.

HANUKKAH/CHRISTMAS GALA

The Israel Numismatic Society of L.A. had their annual holiday party in December. The club decorated a Menorah and lighted a Christmas Tree (donated by HAL and GASALY STANBRIDGE). Or was it the other way around??? PAUL BORACK had his bingo machine for fun and games. The top door prize was a scarce and prestigious Bar-Kochba 59 mm bronze medal.

WHO'S WHO FOR CALCOIN NEWS?

H E L P ! ! I need your help in nominating individuals to feature in *Calcoin News*. If you know of a club member who's an active member of Cal State and has not been recognized previously, please send me a biography and photo so they can get proper recognition. Mail your candidate to me at P.O. Box 725, Tustin, CA 92680-0725. Thanks.

MAZOLTOV ! ! !

The third time around was the charm and SHERYL TROUTMAN, Vice-President and Branch Manager of American Savings Bank made the November meeting of the Hemet Numismatists. To briefly remind you, the first time she was to speak to the club she was in an auto accident. The second time she got called away at the last minute on bank business. Her program dealt with "Counterfeit Detection." It was an outstanding and informative program worth waiting for. She had with her examples of recent counterfeit \$50 and \$100 bills. New officers for 1994 are: President--CLIFFORD PARR; Vice-President--JAMES (TEX) RITTER; Treasurer--TERRI HALL; and Secretary--TRUDY MITCHELL. January's program was on "Art in Paper Money" given by Tex Ritter. It was noted with sadness the passing of two long time members, HENRY KRINKE and ADDIE SLOAN. An open discussion on the Lincoln cent was February's program.

OUT OF STATE WINNER

During the January meeting the Heartland Coin Club announced the winners of two awards. The "Owen Bela Award" is presented for significant material support to the club. It

was presented to LOUIS J. KRETOVICS of Lorain, Ohio. The "David Cherry Award" for service and support to the club was presented to CHUCK LUCE. At the February installation dinner, the following officers were installed: President--DOROTHY BABER; 1st Vice-President--CHUCK LUCE; 2nd Vice-President--TOM SULLIVAN; Treasurer--JOE GIULIANO; Secretary--JOE WELCH; and Corresponding Secretary--CLIFFORD WILLIS.

DR. LINCOLN?

The Fontana United Numismatists' December meeting was the annual Christmas potluck. The "Nona Moore Award" for best exhibit during display night was presented to CHRIS BOURLAND. VIRGINIA HALL installed the following new officers: President--TONY MICCICHE; Vice-President--ROBERT MCCARTHY; Treasurer--NORM CURLETT; Corresponding Secretary--BUD OSBORNE; Recording Secretary--TERRY ESHELMAN; and directors--AL HALL, DON CONRAD, KAY LENKER, and LOU LOCKE. The club extended a special thank you to LORRAINE LOCKE who has turned over the recording secretary position after many years of service. The January program featured Vice President Bob McCarthy talking about "Detection of Counterfeit Coins." February is Lincoln month and once again Dr. LARRY BURGESS of Redlands presented an outstanding discussion about our 16th President.

HAND PAINTED PNC'S

COINO was the December program at the Downey Numismatists. LINDA BACH made a special Christmas tree which had a 2 1/2 peso gold coin and 10 Eisenhower dollars on it as a special prize of the month. EUNICE ALTER presented a great program on "Philatelic Numismatic Covers" (PNC's) in January. All her PNC's are hand painted to represent the event being honored. "Byzantine Coins" was February's program given by RALPH MARX. It was reported that Treasurer ROSEMARY HARRIS and past President KAY NORTHAM have been in ill health.

A FAMILY AFFAIR

PAUL BORACK and his famous COINO machine touched down at the December meeting of the Culver City Coin Club. January's installation dinner had the following new officers installed: President--JOHN FORREY; 1st Vice-President--DAVID YANTIS; 2nd Vice-President--GASALY STANBRIDGE; Secretary--PAUL BORACK; Treasurer--WALTER OSTROMECKI; and board members--MARLYN AKERLING, FRANK KISH, RISELA STASNEY, HARRY STASNEY, ZEVE AKERLING, and HAL STANBRIDGE. This is a real family affair with three couples on the board. The installing officer was Dr. SHELBY WAGNER. February saw PETE POPKIEWICZ talk about "Mexican and South American Coinage." Past President MEL FISHEL passed away recently. The club extends its sympathy to the Fishel family.

WHY IS LIBERTY CAPPED?

December was Christmas "Fun Night" at the Covina Coin Club. Santa arrived and passed out goodies to everyone. ROY IWATA gave a slide program on "Numismatics and the Liberty Cap." It was a very informative program. Under the weather for the beginning of the year included EDITOR AWANDA AYERS, MARCIA CALVERT (wife of Treasurer GENE) and MABE STONE. The club wishes them a speedy recovery. EUNICE ALTER presented her program on "Hand Painted PNC's" in February (and again I missed the program).

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

"Tokens of the World" was the program given by JOHN BARNES at the December meeting of the Bay Cities Coin Club. John was a past member of the club. In January the club had an open forum discussing a variety of topics. It was reported in January that ESTELLE HOCHMAN, mother of member Dr. ROBERT HOCHMAN passed away. The club extends its condolences to Bob. February had ETHEL LENHERT speak on her favorite President, Thomas Jefferson. On April 12 the club will celebrate its 50th anniversary with

a gala dinner at the Velvet Turtle at 2255 Sawtelle Blvd. in West Los Angeles. BARRY CAPES, Grand Chairman, has planned an outstanding evening of good food, excellent speakers, lots of gold door prizes and of course, many surprises. Anyone wishing to attend should contact either Barry at 310-838-4968 or GEORGE RUSSELL at 310-392-9547.

PHIL IVERSEN--ON THE GO

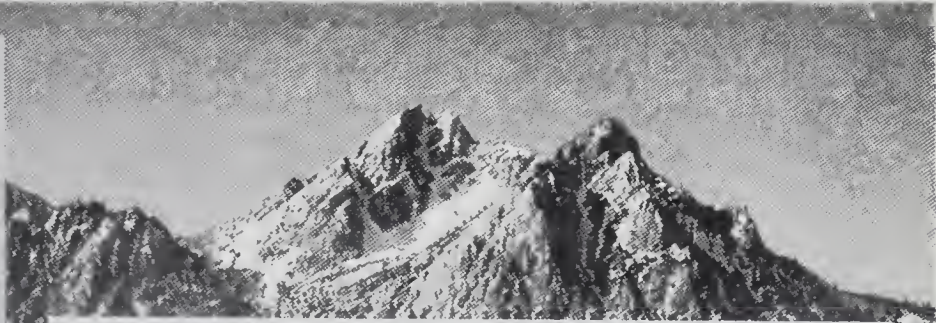
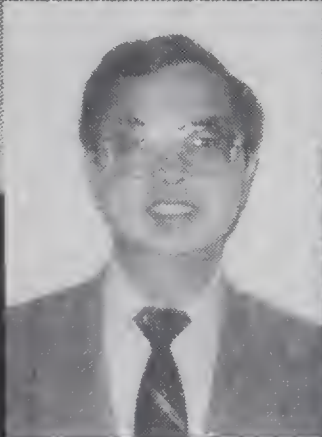
Phil spoke to Collectors of the Realm in November on "Exonumia." In January Phil installed new officers at the Ventura County Coin Club and then spoke on "U.S. Postage and Fractional Currency."

NASC INSTALLATION DINNER

The Numismatic Association of Southern California (NASC) had its installation and awards banquet on Sunday, January 30. Installing officer and ANA Governor, HELEN CARMODY installed: President--BILL GRANT; Vice-President--JERRY YAHALOM; Recording Secretary--KAY LENKER; Treasurer--ALBERTUS HOOGEVEEN; Historian--LEONORA DONALD; and Governors--WALTER OSTROMECKI (Immediate Past President), PHIL IVERSEN, ETHEL LENHERT, SALLY MARX, JEFF OXMAN, LYNDY RICHARD, and MICHAEL VANYUR. Oh, and I almost forgot, YOURS TRULY--Corresponding Secretary. I hope I don't lose my sanity with all my involvements. Following the installation was the presentation of the awards (some of which have already been mentioned). MICHAEL ARON received the newest award, "Member of the Year," for his service and contributions to NASC this past year. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the "Richard P. Goodson Award," the highest award given by NASC for years of dedicated service to the organization and numismatics. Last year's recipient, Harold Katzman (yep, that's me) presented the award to: AWANDA AYERS. CONGRATULATIONS AWANDA.

THANK YOU DONN PEARLMAN

I received a short note from Donn Pearlman, "liberated former ANA Governor" (his words) saying, "I enjoy your round up of club news South of the Tehachapis. Mr. Lo also does a nice job North of the Tehachapis. Keep up the good work."



NORTH of the TEHACHAPIS

By: AL LO, CSNA #5174

Holidays AND Elections are over. The chosen few have settled into their new (or old) positions and everyone is Happy and Contented! Right? WRONG! Now is the time when More Help is needed. The Officers are there to Serve the club members but they won't know what you want them to do unless YOU tell them. But don't just Tell them; help them to implement what YOU want from the club. Don't just sit there doing Nothing and then grumble afterwards that what you wanted wasn't done. IT'S YOUR CLUB! Volunteer and Make It Work!! I have attempted to report interesting events that other clubs have done. If these sound interesting, try them in your club!

GET YOUR FREE BOOK!!

The *Northern California Numismatic Association* (NCNA) reports that Lange's Book Donation was a success. NCNA club members received a FREE copy of David Lange's "The Complete Guide to Buffalo Nickels." Eleven clubs were recipients of the book. Each member club paying its 1994 dues can also receive Dave Lange's newly released "The Complete Guide to Mercury Dimes." Just pay your dues and send in your request!

To honor the Fiftieth (50th) Issue of the *NCNA Heads and Tales*, a wooden dollar was made and included in the January issue of the newsletter, complements of the Association and Editor (STAN TURRINI), commemorating the milestone issue, January, 1994. Five hundred wooden dollars were produced. Additional 1994 wooden dollars are for sale at 50¢ each plus SASE from: Gordon Donnell, 1994 NCNA Wood, 1960 San Antonio, Berkeley, CA 94707

IT'S BETTER TO GIVE...

The *Alameda Coin Club* elected RICHARD "SAM" SAMUELSON as it's new President. Helping "Sam" will be Vice President CHUCK WHITE, Secretary DON BARSI, and Treasurer MIKE NEICOFF.

As a NICE community action, a donation of \$25 was given to the Alameda Meals on Wheels Organization. The 1993 join Coin Show with the San Francisco Coin Club was so successful that the members voted to once again hold a joint show in 1994. More details later.

AMERICA'S MOST BEAUTIFUL...

The *Cupertino Coin Club* enjoyed two very interesting speakers in November and January and had a great Christmas Party in December. BOB TOPOR's "America's Most Beautiful Coin" highlighted the November meeting. "Mercury Dimes, the Coin and the Book" was DAVE LANGE's January topic. Both talks were enjoyed by all!

CCC members held a successful 24th Annual Coin Show in February. Also coming up were annual elections and the coin show medal design contest.

ARE YOU SUPERSTITIOUS, GERALD???

The *Fairfield Coin Club* will be led in 1994 by President JOE SIROIS, with the able support of CRAIG BLACKWOOD as Vice President, JAN HENKE as Secretary, and JOSEPH BLEAU as Treasurer. GERALD SINGER became the club's newest life member. He became life member #013 with membership number 113. We hope he is not superstitious!

The club reported that it ended the year with 34 regular members, 11 life members, and 4 junior members, for a total of 49 members. STEVE CARBONARO and ERNIE DRAKE, two charter members, are still members. Congrats to Steve and Ernie!

Special awards were presented at the annual joint Christmas party with the Vallejo Numismatic Society. JOE SIROIS won the Joint Christmas Service Award -- for his many contributions to the success of the joint Christmas parties; CRAIG BLACKWOOD -- "Rich Neily Memorial Award" for his outstanding service and many contributions; MICHAEL TURRINI -- "Jan Henke Service Award" -- for his years of service to the Fairfield Coin Club.

IT'S FOR THE YOUTHS...

The *Redwood Empire Coin Club* is changing its meeting hours to make meetings easier to attend on a school night. Youth meetings will begin at 6:00 p.m. sharp. The regular meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. and ends at 9:00 p.m. to allow youth members to be home by 9:15! Youth Director LEE GONG stated "Yes, this is important to us; the youth numismatist today will be our future collector of tomorrow. With the price of coins at today's market, just think with the knowledge you learn what a young person could assemble today, and what it would be worth 20 to 30 years from now."

New 1994 officers who will help Lee will be MERLE AVILA, President; FRANK VILLALON, Vice President; HELEN ROBERTS, Treasurer; and GUY SHAPPY, Secretary.

JUST LEAVE THEM LAUGHING...

San Jose Coin Club members heard DON BARSİ speak on "Sales Tax Tokens" at its January meeting. This followed a December Christmas party where everyone had a lot to eat and drink and all in attendance went home with a numismatic present. Two U.S. five dollar gold coins were raffled and one lucky person went home with an 1834 Classic Head gold coin.

Meetings are always interesting and educational. The Show & Tell portion brings out many unusual stories and numismatic items that the members have "found" since the last meeting. There are usually a dozen or more "human interest" or "horror" anecdotes which keep the members either laughing or crying.

IT WAS UNANIMOUS!!

The *Pacific Coast Numismatic Society* unanimously elected STEPHEN M. HUSTON as its 1994 President. Also elected were Vice President DON BURNS, Secretary FRANK STRAZZARINO, and Treasurer RICK WEBSTER. LARRY REPPETEAU was also honored with the Silver Award for 1992 for his article on the Irish "Easter Rising" 10 Shillings of 1966.

CALVIN ROGERS presented a very enthusiastic and detailed sketch of the coins and a bit of history of Tibet at the November pre-Thanksgiving meeting. In January, DAVE LANGE gave an extremely informative talk on the Mercury dime.

IT WAS YOUR OWN FAULT...

Elections are over at the *San Francisco Coin Club* and ROGER SINASOHN emerged as the victorious President. Also victorious were Vice President GORDON DONNELL and Secretary-Treasurer HANS HANSSON. They were inducted at a holiday pot-luck dinner that had plenty to eat and drink. As *Two Cents Worth* Editor MARK WM. CLARK stated, "If you went away hungry, it was your own fault or else you were on a diet (Bad timing!)."

Educational programs included DAVE LANGE's talk on Peace dollars in January and PAUL HOLTZMAN's "Rara Aves" speech in February. If your Latin is rusty, that means "rare birds" and the talk covered threatened bird species which have appeared on coins.

A SPECIAL MEDAL...

The *Peninsula Coin Club* gave "THANKS" to all members and family who helped at its 14th Annual Coins and Collectibles Show in November. A special "uniface" bronze medal was given to all helpers. As a special fund-raising project, two sets of 1993 PCC "off-metal" medals were auctioned in January for \$115. Only four sets were made with the other two going to the club's curator and the medal's designer.

AN AGREEABLE BUNCH!!!

Diablo Numismatic Society members enjoyed a nice dinner meeting at the KARL and SUE MANTHEI home in December. Besides a great meal, guests enjoyed a tour of the house, viewing some of Karl's other collections, participating in CHUCK WHITE's infamous "Slab Toss," and playing other games of chance.

The *Diablo Die-Break* Editor, STEWART HUCKABY, wrote that "all officers and board members have agreed to serve another term in the same office, unless there is someone out there that would like to relieve them of the responsibility (please!)." Since no names were listed, I guess you know who you are!

TOSS SLAB, WIN UNSLABBED...

Livermore Valley Coin Club's holiday potluck was enjoyed by all. After dinner, the ever popular "slab toss" was held. Real slabbed coins were tossed at a target on the floor across the room for points. The winner (unnamed) got a nice silver dollar -- unslabbed! The January program was highlighted by CHUCK WHITE's "Odd and Curious Money of Siam." February's meeting involved planning for its March coin show.

DR. VINNIE BAM BOO WHO???

The *Fremont Coin Club* will be guided by a dedicated group of officers headed by VINCE "DR. VINNIE BAM BOO" LACARIERE. Vice President IRIS ATKINSON, Second Vice President JOHN FRANK, Treasurer MICHAEL MAYNEW, Recording Secretary "NEVER MOVING" STEVE BOURG, Corresponding Secretary ROGER LYLES, and Junior Vice President "ALWAYS RUNNING" ADRIANNA BOURG fill out the rest of the supporting cast! BRIITA EHLERS spoke for the very first time at the January meeting and did a splendid job. She spoke on Elk's Club Tokens and has 238 different tokens from 42 states and one from Canada and one from Guam. Quite a collection!!

100 IN '94...

The *Gateway Coin Club* elects half of its officers every other year with each officer serving for two years. This year President LILA ANDERSON and Secretary BEVERLY HILLS were elected to join Vice President JOEL ANDERSON and Treasurer RON LUND who are serving their second year of office.

The club ended the year with 74 members, a 20% increase in membership over the previous year. This year's goal is 100 in '94. Members who bring in one new member get a copper club medal, while three new members receive a silver eagle. Previous members rejoining don't qualify for a prize and the new member must attend two meetings in order to win the award. Plans are underway for their 20th Annual Coin Show. The show will be held in Merced on June 11 & 12 with 28 coin dealers in attendance. The club also announced sales of a medal (see below) at \$4.50 for golden or oxidized bronze and \$25.50 for silver (postpaid). Write Gateway Coin Club, P.O. Box 3101, Merced, CA 95344.



IT PAYS TO ATTEND!!!

Liberty Numismatic Society's RON JOHNSON was the ONLY member to attend every LNS meeting in 1993. At the December meeting, a membership drawing was held with each member getting a ticket for each meeting he/she attended in 1993. One of Ron's tickets was luckily drawn and he is the proud owner of the AU 1886-S half eagle gold coin. Congratulations Ron!!

New 1994 officers are: President MIKE SULAK, Vice President NEVIO ANDREATTA, Secretary REGAN SHEA, and Treasurer MARIAN SINTON. Also starting off the new year was DAVE LANGE's outstanding presentation of his new book, "Mercury Dimes: The Coins and the Book." The club is offering 1994 medals (see above) at \$22.00 for silver and \$4.50 for oxidized bronze (postpaid). Write LNS, P.O. Box 844, Millbrae, CA 94030.

A DINNER FOR YOU!!!

DON KENDRICK continues as the President of the *Delta Coin Club*. KEVIN MALOY is Vice President; EDWARD CARMAN, Recording Secretary; SYD KASS, Corresponding Secretary; and LORIS ENZMINGER, Treasurer. All officers were re-elected and to show the

club's appreciation, all were honored with certificates of appreciation as well as a gift certificate to a local restaurant.

In it's new Sports Section, the Delta Coin Club announced the induction of one of its members, RUBEN SMITH III, to the Stockton Athletic Hall of Fame for 1993. Ruben excelled in the low hurdles, 100 yard dash, and the triple jump. Congratulations Ruben!!

NEW MEETING DATES, SAME GOOD STUFF!!!

The *Sacramento Valley Coin Club* (SVCC) has announced new meeting dates for 1994. The SVCC will meet on the second Wednesday and the fourth Thursday of each month at the SMUD Service Center. The first meeting of the month is an educational meeting and the second meeting will be a regular meeting. (I hope ALSO educational!!) January's educational program was "Coin Quiz II" by STEWART HUCKABY and February's was BOB BANDY's "Building a Numismatic Library."

JEFF SHEVLIN will be the SVCC's 1994 President. Ably assisting Jeff will be Vice President TIM LEWIS, Recording Secretary BETTYE WEBB, Corresponding Secretary MARYANN LEWIS, and Treasurer ED HOPKINSON.

HONORED AND ENTHUSIASTIC!!!

The *Fresno Numismatic Society* members are fortunate to be able to have many volunteers to hold club offices. DALE HEWLETT and DAVID JOSEPHINE are the Co-Vice Presidents and DAVID HARRIS and PHIL PLETTNER are the Co-Treasurers. President is RUS STOLLING and Secretary is JOHN HESS. Rus wrote in the January *Fresno Numismatist*, "As a newcomer to the hobby and the club--I've been collecting only since August of 1991 and an FNS member since January, 1993--I am particularly flattered and honored." With such enthusiasm FNS is lucky to have Rus as a President.

Recent speakers have been PHIL PLETTNER on the Carson City Mint and DALE HEWLETT on "Numismatic Books, Past & Present."

MAY DAY SHOW SCHEDULED...

The *Vallejo Numismatic Society* will hold its 22nd Annual Coin and Collectibles Show on May 1, 1994. The honored guest will be ROBERT J. LEUVER, current Executive Director of the American Numismatic Association. He will also present a program on the world famous BEP titled "The Inner-Workings of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing."

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THE STORY BEHIND BRITAIN'S LIMA COINS

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Throughout England's long and glorious history, many of her sea captains have performed outstanding deeds of bravery and fortitude. George Anson was one of those captains.

King George II of England declared war on Spain in 1739, and the following year he gave Anson the command of eight ships and 2,000 men with orders to sail to the Spanish Main. There he was to raid ports and shipping along that long western coast of South and Central America, and to bring back Spanish gold and silver. The eight ships, all old and in poor condition, were: Centurion of 60 guns, Gloucester of 50 guns, Severn of 50 guns, Pearl of 40 guns, Wager of 28 guns, the eight-gun sloop Tryal, and supply ships Industry, and Anna.

Anson set sail in September, 1740 from Portsmouth, stopping at the Isle of Wight. It took a month for them to reach the Madeira Islands, due to adverse winds. The delay surely must have dampened their enthusiasm. Had they known that less than half of them would return to England, their remaining enthusiasm would certainly have turned to apprehension.

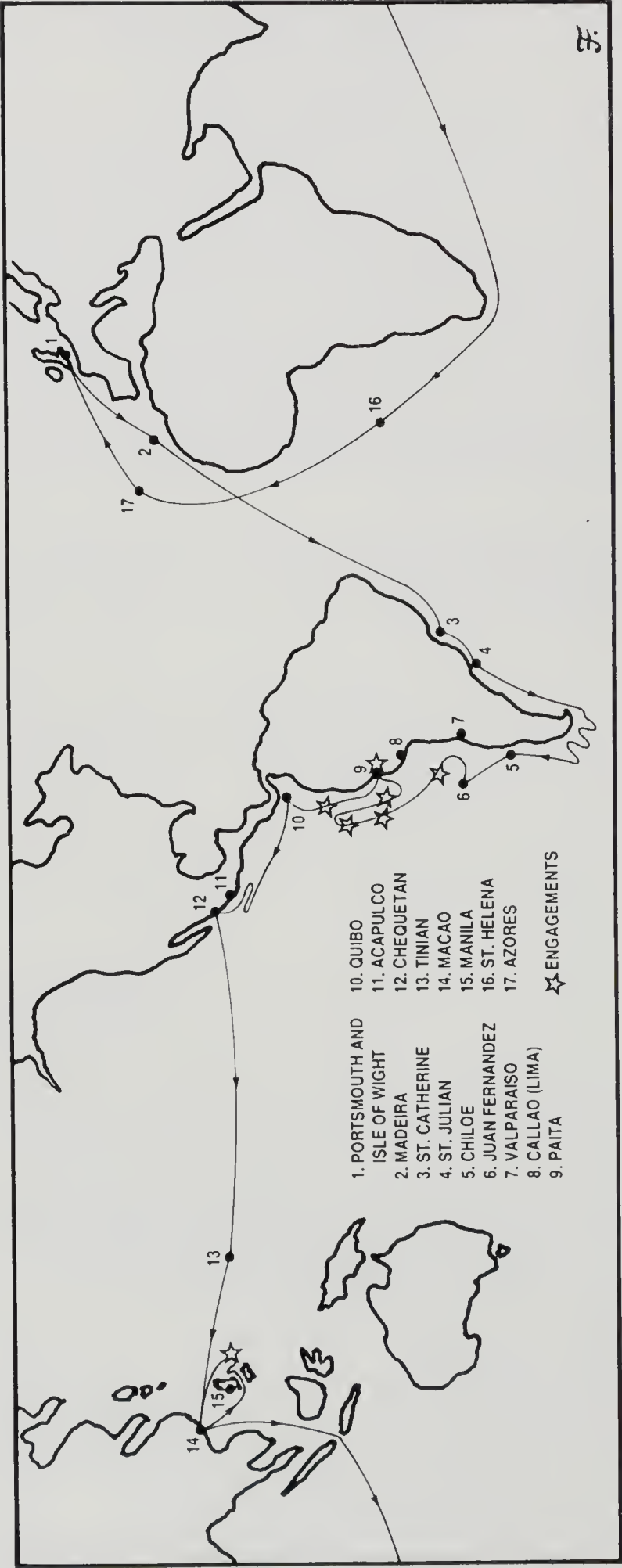
It was December before they reached St. Catherine Island off the coast of Brazil. Only seven ships made the port. Industry had been forced to turn back and seek shelter in Barbados, only to be captured by the Spanish. The flotilla proceeded to St. Julian on the east coast of South America, landing in February, 1741, where preparation was made for the treacherous passage around Cape Horn.

In the five months since they had left England, scurvy, the scourge of early sea travel, had already started to take its toll. Cape Horn threatened to add to this toll. Their skills as seamen would certainly be tested as never before by the high seas and hurricane winds that raged off the tip of South America.

These brave men set sail to meet the challenge. The elements arose to rebuff them and for weeks they battled wind and sea to round the Horn. In May, four ships limped into Chiloe Island on the Pacific side of South America--Centurion, Gloucester, Tryal, and Anna. Severn and Pearl had been bested by nature and had returned to Brazil. Wager had made it round the Horn only to be shipwrecked on the west coast of South America. Repairs were made and the four proceeded to Juan Fernandez Island, arriving on June 5, 1741. The sloop Tryal was in such poor shape that Anson ordered its destruction. Anna was also deemed not seaworthy and was broken up. Anson's forces had been reduced to two ships, Centurion and Gloucester. In spite of this serious depletion of arms and personnel, Anson made ready to sail northward to "sing the King of Spain's beard"!

His immediate destination was the shipping lane north of Valparaiso, where before long they intercepted and captured the Nuestra Sennora de Monte Carmelo bound southward from Callao to Valparaiso. She yielded £1800 sterling. Anson's next capture, also sailing southward, was the Santa Maria de Arranzazu, which yielded £5000 sterling. Anson renamed her Tryal's Prize, and with four ships under his command he continued to search northward for more prizes. Next, a small vessel, the Santa Maria de Jesus, carrying only £170 sterling, was intercepted. But the best was still to come. The flotilla sighted the Nuestra Sennora del Carmine and, after giving chase, overwhelmed her and forced her to surrender. Her cargo yielded 400,000 Spanish dollars.

Over four months had elapsed since leaving Juan Fernandez and, since one of the main objectives of the expedition was the interception of the Manila Galleon, which was due to



Anson's voyage around the world.

sail early in the year from Acapulco laden with silver, Anson could not dally too much longer in these southern waters. There was still time, however, for one more target, the city of Paita, a port above Lima (Callao).

So, on November 13th, Anson stormed the town and sacked and burned it. This daring raid yielded L30,000 sterling and precious jewelry. A Spanish ship, the *Solidad*, was in the harbor, but yielded only £40 sterling. After two days of looting, the flotilla proceeded northward toward Acapulco. During the voyage a sixth ship was captured yielding £12,000 in gold and Spanish dollars.



Eight real cob of Philip V--1727 from the mint at Lima.

In December, a stop was made at Quibo Island near the Isthmus of Panama. It wasn't until January, 1742 that Anson positioned his ships in the waters outside the harbor of Acapulco to await the emergence of the Manila Galleon. Alas, he waited in vain. Tales of his exploits along the Spanish Main had reached the ears of the Spanish authorities in Acapulco, and they prudently canceled the 1742 sailing. Several months of patrol off Acapulco had yielded no treasure galleon. Anson, assuming that he had missed the sailing, decided to abandon Acapulco and head north to consolidate his forces.

He put in at Chequetan on the Mexican coast in April, and spent a month accomplishing necessary repairs. He reduced his flotilla to two ships, *Centurion* and *Gloucester*, by destroying all the Spanish ships in his flotilla. His rapidly dwindling crew, victims of scurvy and battle, could better man the smaller flotilla.

In May, Anson weighed anchor and pointed his prows westward toward Manila and the China coast. He would sight no landfall for 8,000 miles of ocean until the headlands of the small island of Tinian, in the Mariannas, appeared on the horizon. Three months had elapsed, during which time, near the end of the voyage, *Gloucester* became no longer seaworthy and it was decided to destroy her.

Thus it was that the lone *Centurion* passed under the sheer purplish cliff of solid coral on the south face of the island and anchored off the small white beach a mile to the west. The date was Aug. 27, 1742. Rest and rehabilitation was sorely needed for all hands, and the aging flagship was in serious need of overhaul. Two long years had elapsed since they left Portsmouth and the capture of the Manila Galleon had not yet been realized. Surely,

apprehension must have filled the hearts of the remaining crew, so far from home. Their deep concern would soon intensify, for one morning a glance seaward told them that the Centurion was nowhere to be seen. Short of death, to be marooned upon a tiny island in the vast Pacific with almost no chance of rescue was the worst thing that could befall them.

For three days anguish prevailed. Then hope arose when a sail was sighted upon the horizon. Hope turned to joy when the approaching ship turned out to be Centurion. The ship had slipped its cable during the night and drifted out to sea with an unsuspecting skeleton crew aboard. It had taken the few men all this time to work their way back to the island.

Two months time was spent on Tinian while the crew regained their strength and strengthened their resolve. Centurion was fairly shipshape once more and the time had come to leave their haven. In October, 1742 they set sail for the China coast, arriving in Macao in November, there to bide their time and plan the interception of the 1743 Manila Galleon which would be arriving from Acapulco sometime in the middle of the year.

Anson rested his crew until April, when he left Macao to sail eastward to position Centurion in the waters on the approach to Manila from the east. All he could do now was to tack back and forth outside San Bernardino Strait and bide his time. May passed slowly and drifted into June while Anson scanned the eastern horizon.

On June 20th sails were sighted and all hands were piped to their stations. The English ship closed on the galleon. A shot was placed across her bow and the Spaniard was ordered to heave to. Gunfire ensued as Centurion came alongside the galleon. Grappling hooks were thrown and the marines boarded and quickly subdued the enemy. The captured galleon proved to be the Nuestra Sennora de Cobadonga with 1,313,845 pieces of eight and 35,682 ounces of virgin silver in her hold. The galleon was taken back to Macao and sold to the Chinese for 6,000 dollars.

Anson waited until December 15, 1743 before starting the long voyage back to England. He headed the treasure-laden Centurion out to sea and sailed southward toward Sumatra and Java, passing between them through Sundra Strait. Then he turned



A 1745 English half-crown of George II showing LIMA underneath his bust.

southwestward for the long haul across the Indian Ocean and around the Cape of Good Hope. He rounded the promontory in March, 1744 and put into St. Helena in the Atlantic in April. On June 15th he arrived in the Azores and finally, after almost four long years, he arrived at Spithead to complete his round-the-world voyage.

The treasure was loaded onto 32 wagons and was paraded through the streets of Portsmouth in a victory celebration. The voyage, at the cost of over 1000 lives, gained Anson an admiralty and King George £500,000 sterling.

The booty was melted down and used in the coinage of 1745-1746. To memorialize Anson's achievement and to mortify the Spanish King Philip V, a word was inscribed upon each coin underneath the bust of King George II, and that word was LIMA.

Why LIMA?

There seems to be confusion over why the name LIMA was chosen to represent Anson's campaign, since that city saw no action. Perhaps Anson's original intention was to raid Callao and Lima, but because of his depleted forces he settled on the less defended city of Paíta.

At any rate, Lima was the principal city along the entire Spanish Main and the capital of the Viceroyalty of Peru. Its name would be indicative of a campaign that centered there.

A large portion of Peruvian coinage during that period was shipped north to Acapulco to supply Mexico with currency, since, by royal decree, Mexican coinage was ordered to be sent to Spain. Because of this, most of the captured coinage must have been of Peruvian origin, from Potosi or from the mint at Lima. This alone could be sufficient reason for the English to use the name LIMA.

Can one think of a better name to label Anson's accomplishment? Would PAITA be a better choice? Hardly, since only a small fraction of the booty was captured there. How about MANILA, where Anson had made his most profitable capture? That choice would not cover the events that happened before.

Let's face it. Like the coin made from the captured silver, the name LIMA seems to have that certain ring.

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NUMISMATIC CURIOSA

BY Rus Stolling, CSNA R-5587

It's amazing sometimes how two totally unrelated facts can be brought together to illustrate a point. For instance: Fact #1) The U.S. Mint produced 15,761,068,006 coins for circulation in 1993. Fact #2) The Cadillac Brougham, the largest American-made luxury car on the road today, weighs 4,484 pounds. Some of you may already see where we're going with this.

The 15.7 billion business strikes the mint produced last year used 100,192,554 pounds of copper, nickel, and zinc in coin production, by my projections. That weight is the equivalent of 22,344.5 Cadillacs.

It may still be difficult to visualize just how much metal that is, so let's extend the comparison even further. If the mints ran eight hours a day, five days a week, 52 weeks a year, they would consume about 48,200 pounds of metal per hour, the equivalent in weight of 10.74 Cadillac Broughams.

Imagine, if you can, all that mint machinery in Denver and Philadelphia gobbling up 10 3/4 Cadillacs per hour all day, every day, all year long.



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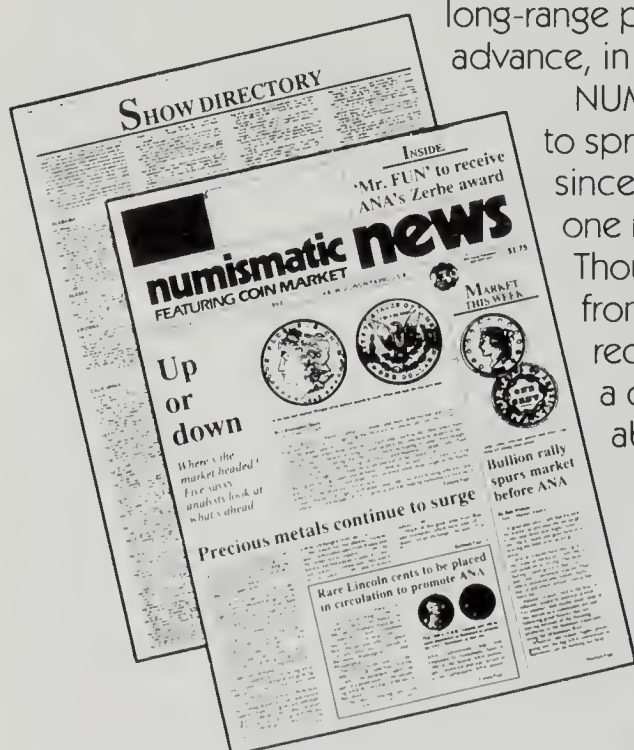
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